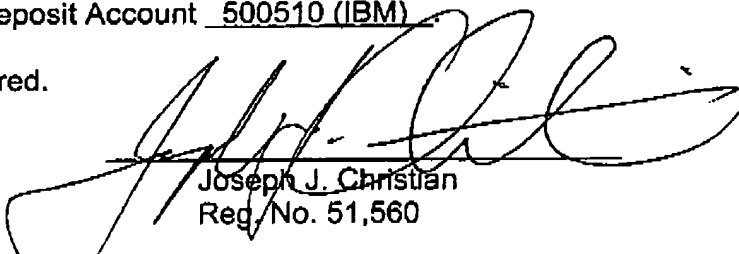
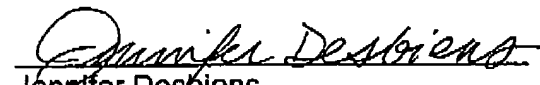


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| Application Serial Number: 10/666470 | | Filing Date: 9/19/2003 | | Examiner: Sun J. Lin | | Art Unit: 2825 | |
| Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROBABILISTIC CRITICALITY PREDICTION OF DIGITAL CIRCUITS | | | | | | | |
| TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment (23 pgs.) in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. | | | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 62 | MINUS | 62 | 0 | \$50 | \$0 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 15 | MINUS | 9 | 6 | \$200 | \$1,200 | |
| _____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: _____ one month (\$120.00) _____ three months (\$1,020.00) _____ two months (\$450.00) _____ four months (\$1,590.00) | | | | | | | |
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| _____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. _____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached. <u> X </u> Charge \$ <u>1,200.00</u> to Deposit Account <u>500510 (IBM)</u> _____ No additional fee is required. <u>January 24, 2006</u> Date | | | | | | | |
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AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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